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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Inspector General

SUBJECT : Working Conditions in 350 26th Street Building
(Riverside Stadium)

Your report dated 25 November 1953 on the above subject has been reviewed by this Office, investigated by General Services Office, and discussed with Public Building Service engineers. The following, therefore, is submitted in regard to action being taken on the recommendations contained in your report.

A. Cleanliness:

- (1) Public Building Service recognizes the fact that they have been unable to obtain a highly polished surface on the asphalt tile floor. Several cleaning waxes have been tried without success as the tile absorbs the wax leaving a dull finish which gives the appearance of being dirty. The research group of Public Building Service does not recommend the use of varnishes, shellacs, lacquers, etc. as these have been found to be more harmful than cleaning compounds or wax.
- (2) Action has been taken with Public Building Service to improve the appearance of the entrance way to the building with particular emphasis as to location of trash cans. Arrangements have been made for the painting of partitions and toilets, which are also cleaned on a daily basis. It appears pertinent to point out that cleaning service as presently provided by Public Building Service is limited by the allotment of funds for the cleaning of all Government buildings and that these funds, upon a ruling of the Comptroller General, may not be increased by funds from other Government agencies.
- (3) Public Building Service advised that the installation of coco matting at entrance ways is a standard equipment and that these mats will be installed. These should remove much of the loose dirt carried in from unpaved areas.
- (4) Every effort will be made to see that dust and other residue resulting from repairs is cleaned up immediately in order that it will not be tracked over the building and will not be allowed to get into the air conditioning system.

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(5) Public Building Service exterminator services have been utilized following each complaint of mice and insects in the building. They have agreed to furnish this service on a monthly basis, or more often if requested.

B. Ventilation

The ventilation of this building is a subject of continual study by Public Building Service engineers. The changing of air is presently accomplished by exhaust fans at each end of the building supplemented by 141 tons of air-conditioning equipment with heating coils which are used in ventilating the building. Further, ventilating grills have been installed in the ceiling and thirty-six (36) wall or pedestal fans have been installed for circulating the air. The Public Building Service engineers state that the equipment now in use for the ventilation of this building is greater than that normally required for this type of space. Further, the engineers state that due to the immensity of the room and the type of lighting there will always be a haze which, in their opinion, has a psychological effect on people which leads them to believe that the air is not being changed. The engineers are still studying this situation and will take action whenever and wherever improvements can be made.

C. Screens

A number of screens have been given to the Liaison Division. They have been asked to try this out and if additional screening is required to request it.

D. Concrete Sub-flooring

The installation of a concrete sub-flooring in the section of the building occupied by the Machine Division is in process. This action had been taken prior to the survey.

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